



## Steps to Obtain a CDL or Endorsement for Entry-Level Drivers

On **February 7, 2022**, FMCSA implemented new entry-level driver training (ELDT) regulations that require individuals subject to the regulations to obtain training from a training provider listed on the Training Provider Registry. State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs) must verify training completion through the Training Provider Registry before administering the applicable CDL skills or the hazardous materials endorsement knowledge test.

**Below are steps that CDL applicants subject to ELDT typically go through to obtain a CDL or endorsement.**

### APPLICATION PROCESS

#### Class A, B CDLs and P, S Endorsements

- 1 Knowledge Test**  
Driver passes knowledge test at the SDLA
- 2 CLP**  
SDLA issues CLP  
*Note: Federal regulations do not require CDL applicants to complete entry-level driver theory training before applying for their CLP*
- 3 ELDT**  
CLP holder completes ELDT courses
- 4 Certify**  
Training provider submits the training certification record to the Training Provider Registry
- 5 Verify**  
SDLA verifies completion of required training using State IT system or CSTIMS
- 6 Skills/Road Test**  
CLP holder passes skills and road test
- 7 CDL/Endorsement**  
SDLA issues CDL or endorsement

### APPLICATION PROCESS

#### H Endorsement

- 1 TSA Check**  
Driver TSA Security Threat Assessment is approved, background check completed  
*Note: Driver is not required to complete this prior to taking ELDT*
- 2 ELDT**  
Driver completes the H endorsement training
- 3 Certify**  
Training provider submits the training certification record to the Training Provider Registry
- 4 Verify**  
SDLA verifies completion of required training using State IT system or CSTIMS
- 5 Test**  
Driver passes the H knowledge test
- 6 Endorsement**  
SDLA issues H endorsement on CDL credential



To determine which CDL applicants are subject to the ELDT regulations, view the [ELDT Applicability Flow Chart](#).